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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, July 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 5, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, about 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Causes of death: Tetanus, 1; convulsions, 1; gastro-enteritis, 1; apoplexy, 1, and natural causes, 2. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 4, steamship *Managua*; crew, 17; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. Steamship *Breakwater*; crew, 34; passengers from this port, 4; passengers in transit, 17; baggage disinfected, 9 pieces. July 5, two-mast schooner *Union*; crew, 7; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Improvement in cholera situation.

HONGKONG, CHINA, June 10, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended June 7, 1902: Four vessels were inspected, 385 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 471 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

The cholera situation shows marked improvement in this city, 16 cases and 13 deaths having been reported during this week. This makes a total of 340 cases and 302 deaths thus far this year. Fifty-three cases and 52 deaths from plague were also reported, making a total of 241 cases and 232 deaths thus far this year. No other communicable diseases were reported in the colony during the week.

Reports from Pakhoi indicate that plague has rapidly declined in that city, and compared with last year the epidemic was not severe.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.